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### **Nogales Agents Seize Drugs and Vehicle**

**TUCSON, Ariz.** — Nogales Border Patrol Agents seized almost a thousand pounds of marijuana yesterday in three separate events.

Over 700 pounds of the marijuana was taken from a Chevrolet Suburban that had mechanical problems after illegally driving through a remote portion of international boundary near Kino Springs, Ariz.. Agents patrolling the area noticed two vehicles speeding back towards Mexico and investigated. They found the Suburban abandoned, but still idling with 47 bundles of marijuana inside and scattered around nearby. The vehicle had become disabled in the tall grass and brush.

In two other separate incidences, Border Patrol Agents seized several bundles of marijuana from persons who were attempting to smuggle the drugs into the country in backpacks fashioned out of burlap sacks. These totaled over 200 pounds of marijuana. The marijuana from all three seizures were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Since Oct. 1, 2002, Nogales Border Patrol Agents have made 100 separate drug seizures accounting for 16,364 pounds of marijuana. They have also apprehended 6,841 undocumented aliens. The Tucson Sector as a whole has apprehended 45,133 aliens and seized 78,000 pounds of marijuana.

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